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SUBJECT: Weekly Report for January 22 - February 1, 2002

THIS WEEK and THE WEEK AHEAD

- The Congress will reconvene at noon on Wednesday, January 23 for the second session of the 107th Congress.
- **Nominations:** The Senate Judiciary Committee has scheduled a hearing for January 24 on the following judicial nominations: Michael J. Melloy, to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit; James E. Gritzner, to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa; Robert Blackburn, to be a United States District Judge for the District of Colorado; Cindy K. Jorgenson, to be a United States District Judge for the District of Arizona; Richard J. Leon, to be a United States District Judge for the District of Columbia; and Jay C. Zainey, to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana. (Scott-Finan)
- **Prosecutorial Deliberations:** The House Government Reform Committee has postponed the hearing on the "History of Congressional Access to Deliberative Justice Department Documents," previously scheduled for Wednesday, January 23, which arises from the Committee's probe into the FBI's handling of informants in Boston. The Committee had asked that I testify at this hearing:

The Committee has also noticed hearings for February 6, 7, and 13 as well as several field hearings in Boston to be held on similar subjects. (F. Burton)
- **Information Sharing:** Steve Bunnell from the Criminal Division and Pat Rowan from EOUSA joined CIA on January 22 in briefing Senate Intelligence Committee staff on joint activities to coordinate sharing of intelligence, grand jury, and wiretap information under the provisions of the PATRIOT Act and on the status of plans for training federal, state and local officials in the use of intelligence information pursuant to Section 908 of the Act. A similar briefing for House Intelligence Committee staff is in the process of being scheduled for the week of January 28. A briefing for that staff on sharing of information on computer databases between FBI and the intelligence community by

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representatives from FBI is scheduled for January 23. (Walter)

- **PENTTBOM Case Updates:** The House and Senate Intelligence Committees have resumed their requests for closed weekly case status briefings for their Members from FBI, CIA, and DoD, with briefings this week scheduled for January 23 at 1:30 pm (House Intelligence Committee Members) and 2:30 pm (Senate Intelligence Committee members). (Walter)
- **Hanssen.** An unclassified briefing for Senate Judiciary Committee staff on issues related to the length of time Hanssen operated as a spy within FBI before being caught is scheduled for Friday, January 25. Representatives from the Criminal Division will participate along with the FBI. House Intelligence Committee staff have asked for a classified status on Hanssen's debriefings, which are ongoing; no date has been scheduled while we discuss the parameters of what can be briefed prior to sentencing in May. (Walter)

LAST WEEK

- **Moussaoui:** Representatives from the FBI's Office of General Counsel and the Counter terrorism Division briefed Senate Intelligence Committee staff at FBI headquarters on January 15 on the Bureau's attempts to meet the legal requirements for obtaining a search warrant under FISA or Title III on Moussaoui between mid-August of 2000 and September 11. (Walter)
- **Guantanamo Detainee Interviews:** A representative from FBI joined CIA and DoD in briefing House Intelligence Committee staff on procedures being used and inter-agency cooperation in debriefing detainees before and after transporting them to Guantanamo. (Walter)